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In re Application of:

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For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR  
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT  
HAVING AN ASYMMETRICAL  
LEADING END AND METHOD FOR  
INSTALLATION THEREOF

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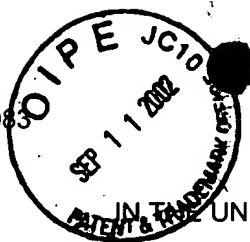
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Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002 in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449 with eleven (11) documents.

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